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WTO and Agriculture What's at Stake for Hawaii?

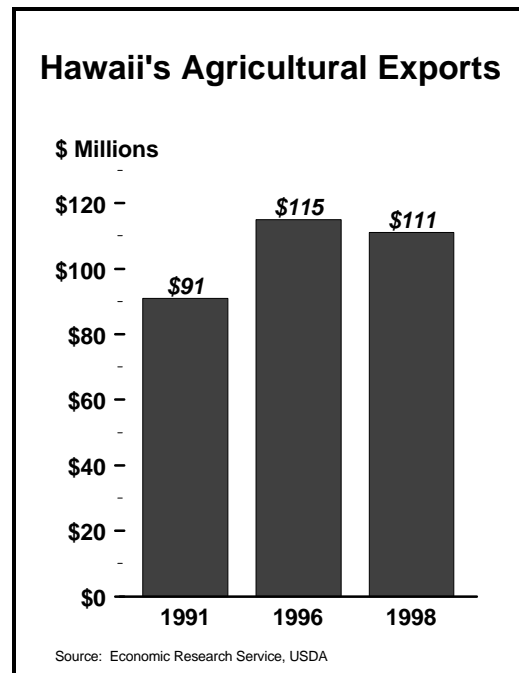
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Hawaii produces agricultural and fish products which are exported worldwide. In 1999, Hawaii's commercial fish landings totaled \$62 million and exports were valued at \$2.8 million. Also the same year, the state's total farm cash receipts reached \$510 million, while exports were estimated at \$111 million. These industries are important to Hawaii's economy. They create jobs on farms and at ports, and also support jobs in related sectors, such as food processing, transportation, and manufacturing. Hawaii's agricultural exports alone create an estimated 1,700 jobs.

Hawaii's top agricultural exports in 1998 were:

- # fruits -- \$55 million
- # tree nuts -- \$7 million

World demand for agricultural, fish, and wood products is increasing, but so is competition among suppliers. If Hawaii's industries are to compete successfully for export opportunities in the 21st century, they need *fair trade* and *fair access* to growing global markets.



Hawaii Benefits From Trade Agreements

- # Under the Uruguay Round, Hawaii benefits as Japan and other countries agreed to reduce tariffs for a wide range of processed products of interest to U.S. exporters.